

Integrated Planning Subcommittee

SUBCOMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The Integrated Planning (IP) Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the Watershed Management Committee (WMC) of the Water Environment Federation (WEF). The IP Subcommittee develops and conducts activities to promote and advance the concept of integrated planning amongst municipalities, regulators, environmental groups, and communities. The IP Subcommittee supports the development and implementation of IP practices throughout the water industry. The IP Subcommittee also collaborates with other WEF technical committees (e.g. Stormwater and Utility Management Committees), NACWA (e.g. Water Quality Committee) and others (e.g. WEF Envision Task Force) to further promote the concept of integrated planning.

The IP Subcommittee was established in 2018.

MISSION AND OVERALL CHARGE

Mission Statement:

The IP Subcommittee shall work with municipalities, regulators, environmental groups and communities from around the country to promote and advance integrated planning concepts and strategies at national, regional, and individual community scales and shall support partner agencies and communities in their development and implementation of integrated plans.

Goals:

To serve as a catalyst for promoting and advancing IP concepts and strategies throughout the water industry at national, regional, and individual community scales. To provide an open forum for growing and sharing IP knowledge and experiences.

Objectives:

The IP Subcommittee's primary objectives are:

- To improve and enhance the understanding and application of integrated planning concepts and strategies.
- To assess and incorporate relevant and innovative principles and practices into integrated planning including:
 - water and wastewater utility and asset management,
 - stormwater and nonpoint source management,
 - ecosystem-based approaches,
 - integrated watershed management,
 - integrated water quality trading and permitting, and
 - sustainability concepts.

- To host at least one or two workshops, webcasts, conference presentations and/or panel discussions per year that promote the IP Subcommittee's mission, goals and objectives.

SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

Typical activities of the IP Subcommittee that promote and develop IP and IP-related concepts and strategies include:

- Providing a platform for WEF members and partners participation.
- Coordinating and integrating WEF WMC and subcommittee activities to enhance the utility and benefits of IP.
- Planning and conducting workshops, webinars, and technical sessions at WEFTEC and specialty conferences to enhance and disseminate information related to IP.
- Publish articles in WEF's technical journals and other media (e.g., WE&T magazine, white papers, newsletters, blogs).
- Collaborating with other WMC subcommittees and WEF technical committees.

IP Subcommittee outputs for 2018 include:

- A WEF Integrated Planning Webcast, conducted April 5th
<https://www.wef.org/IntegratedPlanningwebcast/>
- An article summarizing the WEFTEC 2017 IP Workshop published in the September issue of WE&T magazine
- A WEF WMC panel session on IP to be held at WEFTEC 2019

LIAISONS WITH OTHERS

To accomplish its mission, within the WMC structure and processes, the IP Subcommittee shall seek opportunities to coordinate and collaborate with other WMC subcommittee and WEF committee efforts when appropriate and mutually beneficial. These other WEF technical committees may include the following:

- WEF Government Affairs Committee
- WEF Intelligent Water Technology Committee
- WEF Program Committee
- WEF Public Communication and Outreach Committee
- WEF Research and Innovation Committee
- WEF Stormwater Committee
- WEF Technical Practice Committee

- WEF Utility Management Committee
- WEF Water Reuse Committee
- WEF Envision Task Force

The IP Subcommittee will also strive to partner with other Member Associations and organizations outside of WEF that are interested in promoting integrated planning (e.g., USEPA, State agencies, WRF, NACWA, IWA, AWRA, etc).

ORGANIZATION

The IP Subcommittee is led by a chair. A current list of WMC and subcommittee chairs and vice chairs can be found on the WEF website.

Membership

The IP Subcommittee shall maintain a roster of members and advisors. Members of the IP Subcommittee shall include any members of the Watershed Management Committee who are committed to and actively contribute to the achievement of the mission, goals and objectives of the subcommittee and participate in its activities. The subcommittee shall strive to recruit members from all sectors including consulting firms, academia, manufacturers, non-government organizations, and government (federal, state, local) agencies.

Advisors of the IP Subcommittee shall include senior members of the WEF Watershed Management Committee including those who assumed leadership roles in the IP Subcommittee in the past.

Members and advisors of the IP Subcommittee shall be expected to attend the subcommittee's conference call meetings that occur every other month.